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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Colorado River Water Diversion – Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Sherrill Jr.:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's CY 2021 Colorado River water diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2021.

Under Contract No. 14-06-W-204, as amended, the District is entitled to divert up to 41,000 acre-feet (AF) per year of Colorado River water for use in the District's service area including those lands having a Present Perfected Right (PPR) to Colorado River water. Additionally, under a subcontract with the Mohave County Water Authority, the District is entitled to divert up to 1,250 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.

The District's diversion estimate incorporates the District's intent to conserve 6,925 AF of Colorado River water in CY 2021 by implementing an agricultural fallowing program. In accordance with System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 20-XX-30-W0686 (SCIA), the water conserved by the fallowing program will be used to generate System Conservation Water, which will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage.

Based upon a review of the CY 2021 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 29,503 AF¹ of Colorado River water during CY 2021 for use in the District's service area, including those lands having a PPR. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 15,932 AF.

¹ In accordance with the SCIA, the District shall limit the amount of water it will divert in CY 2021 for agricultural irrigation to 19,901 AF.

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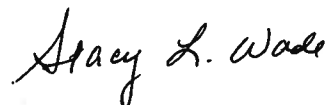
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Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2021 to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2021, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for CY 2021. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or jdodds@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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